

a4 5. (Amended) The alternator according to Claim 4 wherein said stator core is formed with notch portions for reducing a pressing force in a direction which reduces a radius of curvature of said core.

6. (Amended) The alternator according to Claim 5 wherein said abutting portion is formed inside a tooth.

7. (Amended) The alternator according to Claim 6 wherein:
said stator core is provided with teeth having different circumferential width dimensions;
and

said abutting portion is formed inside a tooth having a larger circumferential width.